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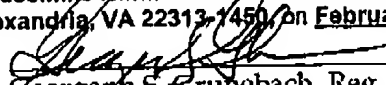
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Georgann S. Grunebach, Reg. No. 33,179
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Attention: Commissioner for Patents

Please find attached Re:

Inventor: John T. Austin

Serial No.: 09/732,837

Filed: December 7, 2000

For: HYBRID SATELLITE AND FIBER COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

- > Amendment After Final Transmittal
- > Amendment Response to PTO Communication of December 29, 2004
- > Replacement Drawing Sheets 1/6 & 2/6

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PATENT
Docket No. PD-990309
CUSTOMER NO.: 020891

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: John T. Austin
Serial No.: 09/732,837
Filed: December 7, 2000
For: HYBRID SATELLITE AND FIBER COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

Date: February 25, 2005
Group Art Unit: 2633
Examiner: Annan Q. Shang

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Mail Stop AF
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Applicant petitions for an extension of time for months(s) to respond to the Office Action dated _____ . If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

An extension for _____ months(s) has already been secured; the fee paid therefor of _____ \$ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. _____ \$
Extension fee due with this request _____ \$

☒ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required to respond to the Office Action dated December 29, 2004. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

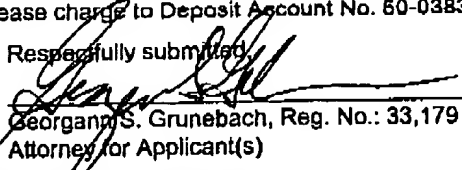
☒ No additional fee for claims is required.

☒ The fee for claims has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED									
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT			HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA		RATE		ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	10	minus	20*	=	0	x	\$ 50.00	\$	-0-
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	4	minus	4**	=	0	x	\$ 200.00	\$	-0-
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS					0	+	\$ 360.00	\$	-0-
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:									\$ 00.00

Charge \$ 00.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-0383 of The DIRECTV Group, Inc. (formerly Hughes Electronics Corporation), El Segundo, California. Please charge any additional fees for claims or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0383. If any additional extension fee is required, please charge to Deposit Account No. 50-0383.

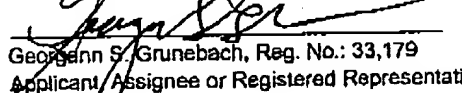
Respectfully submitted,


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In re Application of:

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John T. Austin

Serial No. 09/732,837

Group Art Unit: 2633

Filed: 12/07/2000

Examiner: Payne, David C.

For: HYBRID SATELLITE AND FIBER COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

Mail Stop AF
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 29, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks. This response is timely because it is being filed within the first two months of the three-month time period allowed for a response.